“FATHER, FORGIVE THEM”

Luke 23:26-43 (Key Verse: 23:34a)

Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

1. Who helped Jesus carry his cross and why (26)? What did he say to the wailing women (27-31)? What did Jesus mean? For what should we weep?
2. How was Jesus executed (32-33)? Why did Jesus suffer and die with criminals (Isa 53:12[[1]](#footnote-1), Isa 53:4-5)[[2]](#footnote-2)
3. What did Jesus pray and for whom (34)? Describe Jesus prayer? What can we learn from Jesus prayer? What does this mean to us (Romans 5:8)[[3]](#footnote-3)
4. How did the people, the rulers, and the soldiers mock Jesus on the cross? (35-37) Why did Jesus not save himself? What did one criminal confess and request (40-42)? What assurance did Jesus give? Think about what Jesus promised him and what did it mean (43)?

1. Isa 53:12 Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. **Isa 53:4-5** 4Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.5But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Rom 5:8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)